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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Debate is not ceased. Senator Chambers, somebody changed their vote at the time I called the...for further discussion, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President and members, my light was red and then green and that's probably how I approach this bill. I have said to some people and even answering a questionnaire once that I don't think that I have the reputation of being wishy-washy on certain issues in the Legislature, but count me wishy-washy here, count me struggling, count me trying to search how I feel and how eventually I'll vote on this. I'm still not sure. However, in answering, giving that answer to a constituent, that person wrote back to me and raised some issues and, at that time, I had said that sometimes it seems your heart and your head struggle. And she said, your mind and heart compete in this issue and in that respect you are probably like most of your constituents. Oftentimes when we approach issues, such as the abortion issues, this place is empty. You don't have anyone sitting and listening to either side because people have made up their minds. I think that the number of people here on the floor today is an indication that perhaps some of you are going through the same struggle I may be going through and trying to decide what's the best course and, ultimately, being very responsible for the vote we make on such a serious, serious matter. Like Senator Bromm, I was here just one special session before Senator Bromm and so I, too, have not had to vote on this issue. I remember, Senator Chambers, my first session. We thought we were going to vote on it. You had something that year filed. You withdrew it the morning I thought I was going to vote on it. I remember the night before absolutely not sleeping. And so, for people who look at us and sometimes try to understand our votes, I hope they can understand how we struggle with something this serious. The person wrote me something that I would share with you that would be some "head" reasons. She said, many people erroneously believe that executing criminals is cheaper than keeping them in prison. That is not true. Incarcerating someone for life costs a pittance compared to financing an extended appeal. I'm not sure if that's factual. I am assuming that that may be. Another "head" reason is that it is unnecessary. If it were a deterrent, we would expect Florida and Texas to have low murder rates, and the